

House Resolution 1303

By: Representatives Jennings of the 82nd, Hembree of the 67th, Lunsford of the 110th, and Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Georgia Student
2 Finance Commission to ensure that only qualified students receive HOPE scholarships and
3 grants; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, HOPE scholarships and grants have benefited many Georgia students and have
5 provided opportunities for these students to attend college and technical schools to further
6 their educations who would not otherwise have been able to attend; and

7 WHEREAS, HOPE rewards those students who strive for excellence and put forth the effort
8 to do what is necessary to achieve good grades and work within our educational system; and

9 WHEREAS, the law governing the eligibility for HOPE scholarships and grants specifically
10 limits such scholarships and grants to persons who are either United States citizens or
11 permanent resident aliens who meet the definition of an eligible noncitizen under the
12 requirements of Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20
13 U.S.C.A. Section 1070, et seq.; and

14 WHEREAS, when HOPE funds are used to provide scholarships and grants to persons who
15 are not eligible under law, there is the possibility that deserving eligible students may not
16 receive scholarships or grants or that such scholarships and grants may not be fully funded;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia should verify and
19 ensure that each student admitted to and pursuing a course of study in any of its institutions
20 who receives HOPE funding is eligible for and entitled to such funding; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Student Finance Commission as the administrator of the HOPE
2 scholarship and grant program should ensure that each student receiving HOPE funding is
3 eligible for and entitled to such funding.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body urge the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to
6 verify and ensure that each student admitted to and pursuing a course of study in any of its
7 institutions who receives HOPE funding is eligible for and entitled to such funding and the
8 Georgia Student Finance Commission to ensure that each student receiving HOPE funding
9 is eligible for and entitled to such funding.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Regents of the
12 University System of Georgia and the Georgia Student Finance Commission.